

A PICTURE STORY WITH JUST ONE WORD BY TAD

NEGRO CHAMPION SHOWS ANXIETY

Havana, Cuba, Feb. 22.—Jack Johnson, the pugilist, accompanied by his wife, secretary, sparring partners and a servant, arrived here early this morning from Tampico. He appeared in good condition and declared he never felt better.

Johnson said his only anxiety now was to reach Juarez, Mexico, in time for his match with Jesse Willard on March 6. He was much annoyed at hearing of the present chaotic conditions in Mexico, especially the difficulties which probably would confront him in going north of Tampico. Johnson said, however, that he was determined to push ahead in spite of all obstacles and that, in any case, a vessel for the trip, he would charter a vessel to take him to Tampico.

of commissioner of boxing of New York state, and he has been prominently named for it. It goes without saying that, if the choice went to Col. Roosevelt Mike would get the appointment.

Donovan was born in Chicago about 43 years ago and is a veteran of the civil war. His ring battles have been many, and among the most famous of them were those with Billy Crowley, Mike Conroy and the latter's brother, in 1904. That against Jim Conroy was fought in a bar-room in Memphis, Mike having the choice of fighting or being shot.

In 1907 Mike fought Pat McDermott, Dan Carr and Pat Kelly. In 1908 John Boyne was Mike's victim, the battle being with bare fists on snow-covered ground.

In 1912 Jim Murray and Bill DeLoach faced Mike. Later came battles with Bill McClellan, Frank Crocker and Big Ned Smith, who afterward killed a man in the ring. John L. Sullivan, George Rooker, Ed Walsh, Walter Watson and Jack Dempsey.

Mike was the first man to predict John L. Sullivan would become a champion.

JOHNSON IS FARTHER AWAY THAN BEFORE; LANDS IN CUBA

Havana, Cuba, Feb. 22.—Jack Johnson, the negro heavyweight pugilist, who is to fight Jesse Willard for the world's heavyweight championship at Juarez, Mex., March 6, arrived in Havana Sunday and left that place by train for Havana. He was due to arrive here this morning.

Johnson called from Barbados February 19 with his wife and training staff of three, including Henry Kruger. It was reported last week that the schooner had landed the party at Tampico, Mex. This seems to have been an error.

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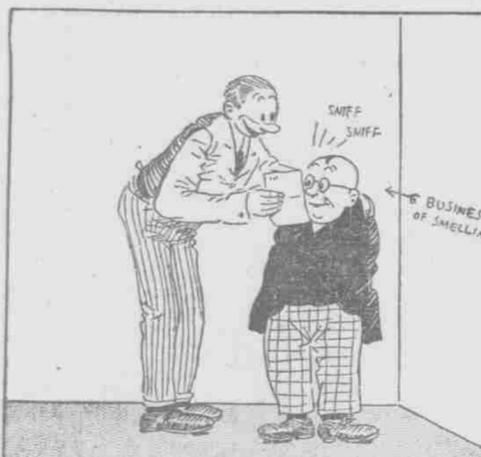
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Magnates Should Have Taken In Feds Had An Easy Chance To Effect Peace

By FRANK G. MENKE. NEW YORK, Feb. 22.—An analysis of the baseball situation at present convinces that organized baseball made a ghastly error when it elected, after the close of the 1914 season, to continue the warfare on the field. The Feds, by going through the 1914 season, satisfied practically everyone but those organized magnates that they were in the baseball business to stay. They convinced the skeptics that they had unlimited bankrolls and that they would use them to get ball players of the first grade. The fact that many of the Federal league club owners built concrete stadiums and signed men to three year contracts that were absolutely binding upon them, should have acted as a "tip off" of the attacking-around purposes of the Feds even before the 1914 season opened. But the organized magnates were blind. Organized baseball was perfectly justified in fighting the Feds when they first showed their teeth. To fight to keep the monopoly that the American and National leagues had in the major league baseball world. To fight to protect the interests was the proper thing to do. And that's what organized baseball did. It's the wise man, though—and only the wise man—who knows when he's beaten—who knows when to quit.

Magnates should have quit. Organized baseball wasn't wise. It didn't know when to quit. It had its chance at the close of the 1914 season to call things quits and save itself from further lamings. But it retained the chance—and things have come to a sorry state for organized baseball since.

To make peace with the Feds at the close of the 1914 season would have cost organized baseball little else than a wallow on its part. It would have been something of an admission on the part of organized baseball that the Feds had forced recognition, but that would have been an admission only of a fact that the public knows now. The public loves a winner—but it also loves a game loser. Had organized baseball allied itself with the Federal league at the close of the 1914 season how different things would be now. How much better for all the magnates and the leagues—big and little. That trust just never would have been filed. The International league and American association magnates wouldn't be in a panic as to the 1915 outlook, and baseball, instead of being in a disordered condition would be in a normal—and feeling general prosperity.

Large Concessions Not Necessary. The organized folks wouldn't have had to concede much to make peace. All the Feds wanted was major league recognition. There is room for a third big league. The schedules in Brooklyn could have been arranged so that the Brooklyn and the Dodgers wouldn't clash. The Feds might have been willing to quit St. Louis and move on to Detroit, Cincinnati or Cleveland, where there is only one major league club at present.

There is room in Chicago for three big major league clubs. The city is divided into sections and in each of the sections where the rival clubs are located there is a big enough population to support the club located in that section.

Fixing Baltimore Situation. The Baltimore situation could have

Whaling Caught Most Base Stealers "Chief" Meyers's Record Is Next Best

By ERNEST J. LANGAN. BILL KILLIPER, of the Phillies, last season, just as he did the season before, led the National league backstopping brigade in the number of victims claimed among men who tried to steal bases, but evidently was not the hardest man to steal on. Killiper potted 139 athletes who were on larceny bent in 1913 and 118 in 1914. The previous year no attempt was made to find out how many bases there were stolen on each catcher, but last season there and these figures, now presented to the public, prove that the best throwing catcher in the older organization last season was not Killiper, but Archer, as many would think, but Bert Whaling of the Braves, an athlete who was discarded by the Naps a few years ago. Whaling cut down 90 of the 106 men who tried to steal on him and had a pegging percentage of 83.

Meyers Next on List. The second best throwing backstop in the National last season, if this system of figuring is considered, was "Chief" Meyers of the Giants. He had a record of 87 and by an odd collector, the best of the Cubs ranking ahead of the rest.

McCarty Is Third. Lew McCarty, a new comer, turned out to be Brooklyn's best pegging receiver, and Gonzalez, another signaling, Cincinnati's. Their rank among the wind paddlers was third and fourth, and their records 57 and 54. Hank Gowdy of the Braves, ranking fifth, had a percentage of 52; Bill Fischer of the Superbas, ranking sixth, a percentage of 50; and George Gibson of the Pirates, ranking seventh, a percentage of 49. None of the other backstops who took part in 15 or more games was able to prevent more steals than were successful. Those figures show the number of larcenies made on each wind paddler and the number of larcenies he detected.

Table titled 'Record of Steals' with columns for Catcher and Att'd, Wins, Losses, and Pct. Lists names like Whaling, Meyers, McCarty, etc.

Only two catching stiffs—those of the Braves and Giants—stopped more men stealing than stole. Eight more bases were fished on Cincinnati's catchers than they prevented. 11 more on St. Louis, 11 more on Pittsburgh's, 17 more on Brooklyn's, 20 more on Philadelphia's and 22 more on Chicago's. The number of burglaries that failed was 117, as against 1249 in 1913. These figures show the number of players each catcher turned back trying to steal last season.

Phillies-Killiper 118; Burns, 66; Doolin, 53; Total, 297. Reds—Clarke, 38; Gonzalez, 65; Erwin, 10; Glockson, 2; Von Kolnitz, 1. Total, 166. Cubs—Bremahan, 78; Archer, 70; Harrgrave, 6; Needham, 4; Traver, 2. Total, 150. Cardinals—Spoyer, 91; Wings, 70; O'Connor, 2. Total, 164. Superbas—McCarty, 87; Miller, 40; Fischer, 27; Erwin, 2. Total, 156. Braves—Gowdy, 50; Whaling, 66; Trer, 2. Total, 118. Pirates—Gibson, 49; Coleman, 52; Schanz, 7; Kofara, 5; Smith, 2; Wagner, 1. Total, 116. Giants—Meyers, 87; McLean, 27; Smith, 4; Johnson, 2. Total, 126. Most Victims in One Game. Killiper has to share with Gonzalez of the Reds the honor of getting the greatest number of victims in one game. On August 5 the Quaker receiver flagged five men who tried to pilfer and picked one man off second. Brockton Mayor twined for the Phils that afternoon and blanked the Reds, 5 to 0. The athlete caught slumbering was Bert Niehoff, the men turned back Bert Niehoff (twice), George Teasdale (twice) and Fred Molwitz (once). On September 17 Gonzalez cut down

Donovan Is a Bare Fist Pugilist Fought Great Battles In Former Years

By SAM CRANE. NEW YORK, Feb. 18.—Mike Donovan, unlike Ponce de Leon, has discovered the fountain of youth. A title celebrity for half a century, he is still as active, as brimful of energy and vim as when in his athletic prime he fought and won the many ring battles that gained him the title of middleweight champion of the world. And this title he held until he retired undefeated in 1884 to become a teacher of boxing.

Mike is still the proud possessor of the middleweight championship belt, the one moment of his long ring career that he cherishes most. Donovan was a gladiator of the bare fist. All of his battles were fought with the "raw" and when fights to a finish were the rule. Those were the days when the heroes of the prize ring were obliged to show gameness—they had to be game to win—and there were none gamer than Mike. He was always ready and willing to fight. He loved fighting and had the fighting instinct, which was born in him. But he always fought fair. He stood up man to man, toe to toe, and there were no tricks, no better fighting man. He well earned the reputation he enjoys of being one of the fairest fighting men who ever put up his fist.

Federa Honor Old Timer. Seeing Donovan as I did the night of his retirement as boxing instructor of the New York Athletic Club, surrounded by friends gathered to do him honor, the writer was reminded of the time in 1889 when Mike was training in Buffalo to fight George Rooker for the middleweight championship.

I went out to the roadhouse where Mike was training with Paty Sheppard, of Boston, the famous fighter who was to be in Mike's corner during the battle. Mike had just come in from a long bike over the roads with his trainers, and seeing Paty, he with a shout of delight jumped over a five foot fence and landed on the ground, grasping Paty by the hand and said loudly, "I am sure to win. I never felt better in my life. I am not a man of my weight in the world who can lick me as I am now."

Hand Was Hard. And, indeed, he was a picture of athletic vigor and superb health. His rugged hands were stained with some preparation he was using to harden his knuckles and as he shook my hand in welcome, I made a grimace of pain. His hand was like iron and his grip like a vice. He seemed overjoyed, too, at the prospect of fighting.

The battle was set to take place somewhere on the Canadian shore of Lake Erie, the site to be selected after both the Donovan and Rooker parties had set out from Erie in tubboats. No definite spot had been named, so that the dominion police would not get the right fit.

I went along with Donovan, Sheppard and his trainers, camp followers, Buffalo poets and others composing the party and it was a rare collection of humbug, the real bare fist sort of a delegation that would fight for the bare fist of it, and with the nearest weapons at hand. But Mike was not responsible for his followers, and kept by himself all during the ride from Buffalo to Erie. It was my first experience of the kind, and while I anticipated seeing the ring battle, I had a peculiar feeling of uneasiness. I would rather have been far away, and on the tubboat things were worse.

A Tough Collection. Donovan's party had been swelled in Erie to large proportions by New York sports, roughs and toughs, numbers and a few men of evident "quality," but with the opening proclivities a grimace of pain. I made a grimace of pain. I would rather have been far away, and on the tubboat things were worse. Thirty Turned Back. Donovan's party had been swelled in Erie to large proportions by New York sports, roughs and toughs, numbers and a few men of evident "quality," but with the opening proclivities a grimace of pain. I made a grimace of pain. I would rather have been far away, and on the tubboat things were worse.

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